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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4058th (private) meeting* Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

* Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Coordinator of United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina will give a briefing to the Security Council at this private meeting. Member States wishing to attend may do so pursuant to rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 39th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Court of Justice (A/54/4) [13]
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [26]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/180);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.14)
3. Observer status for the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries in the General Assembly : draft resolution (A/54/L.15) [171]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 (*continued*)

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE
ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN
THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 22nd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development [100]

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/54/96)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.8

2. Environment and sustainable development [100] (A/54/25 and Add.1, A/54/80, A/54/98, A/54/212, A/C.2/54/5)

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/54/428)

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/54/96)

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/C.2/54/4)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(h) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/54/442)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 2

Globalization and interdependence [104] (A/54/358, A/54/98, A/54/175)

Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117] (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/140 and Add.1, A/54/159, A/54/165, A/54/441, A/C.5/54/3 and A/54/7)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

(A/53/811, A/54/157 and Add.1, A/54/334 and Add.1, A/54/367, A/54/410 and A/54/413)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

(A/54/169, A/54/335 and A/54/394)

Conclusion of general discussion

4. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [130]

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.12

Morning* - informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/54/34, A/54/223 and A/53/841))

3 p.m. 16th meeting Conference
Room 3

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117] (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/140 and Add.1, A/54/159, A/54/165, A/54/441, A/C.5/54/3 and A/54/7)

Conclusion of general discussion

Afternoon** - informal consultations Conference
6 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

* Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

12 noon - Trusteeship
1 p.m. 16th meeting Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

1. International Computing Centre
2. United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

10 a.m. - informal consultations Conference
1 p.m. (closed) Room D

Informal consultations: draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed session

10 a.m. - Economic and Social
1 p.m. 48th meeting Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1999/120, E/1999/121)
2. Non-governmental organizations [12] (E/1999/109 and Add.1)

Consideration of the report of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations, with regard to the question of the consultative status of Christian Solidarity International

3. Economic and environmental questions [13]
 - (a) Sustainable development (E/1999/118 and Corr.1)
 - (g) Transport of dangerous goods (E/1999/43, E/1999/L.48)
4. Other matters

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 26 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(draft resolutions on item 100 (Report of the Governing
Council of UNEP), item 100 (d) (Protection of global
climate for present and future generations of mankind),
item 100 (World Solar Programme 1996-2005))*

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.15 p.m.- 7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on Item 99 (a) (Implementation of the commitments
and policies agreed upon in the Declaration of
International Economic Cooperation, in particular
the revitalization of the economic growth and development
of developing countries and Implementation of the
International Development Strategy for the Fourth United
Nations Decade), item 104 (Globalization and
interdependence), item 101 (a) (World Summit for Children))*

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee *today*, 26 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There second meeting of Legal Advisers will be held *today*, 26 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Seminar

The World Bank is organizing a seminar entitled "Providing Deeper, Broader and Faster Debt Relief Through the Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative". The seminar will be presented by Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg of the World Bank and will serve as a contribution to the Second Committee's consideration of agenda item 97 (e) (External debt crisis and development). The seminar, chaired by Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice Chairman of the Second Committee, will take place *today*, 26 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Forum

The Women's International Forum will hold a meeting *today*, 26 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The Forum will be addressed by Senator Fernando Solana, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Mexican Senate, on "Latin America in the 21st Century: Problems and Perspectives". Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. All delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

Wednesday, 27 October 1999

Fifty-fourth session

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund: draft resolution (A/54/L.18) [99 (h)]

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [27]

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/379);
- (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.9)

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 23rd meeting Room 1

3 p.m. 24th meeting Room 1

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 4

10 a.m.	Informal conversations (closed)	Room 5
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3 p.m. 17th meeting Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

SECOND COMMITTEE 10 a.m. 17th meeting Council Chamber

3 p.m.	24th meeting	Room 2	3 p.m.	18th meeting	Council Chamber
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

THIRD COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, the Third Committee will hold a dialogue with Mr. Olara Otunnu (Secretary-General's Representative on Children and Armed Conflict), Ms. Ofelia Calcetos-Santos (Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography), Mr. Juan Somavia (Director-General of the International Labour Organization), Ms. Carol Bellamy (Executive Director of UNICEF) and the representatives of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The dialogue will initiate the Third Committee's discussion of agenda item 112 (Promotion and protection of the rights of children).

The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will hold its 199th meeting on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/C.4.1/1999/11)

2. Other matters

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 247th meeting on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Committee on Information will resume its twenty-first session on Monday, 1 November 1999, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites (A/AC.198/1999/9). For further information, delegations may contact the Committee secretariat at (212) 963-7216.

The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers is open until Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

SECURITY COUNCIL

The 191st meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will be held on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in the same room, in

A chairman will give a briefing to the press.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Board of Directors of the International Monetary Fund on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will cover the outcomes of the September meeting of the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund and of the annual substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, as well as major issues before the General Assembly, highly indebted poor countries and poverty eradication, and post conflict peace building.

M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agen-

cies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: <http://www.unccd.de>

Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Friday, 29 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee (briefing by Mr. Juan Somavia, Director-General of the International Labour Organization) on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 3.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

The NGO Committee on Human Rights will sponsor a meeting on the future direction of the United Nations human rights work and a report of the last special session of the Commission on Human Rights on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Briefing

On the occasion of the forthcoming visit of Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Mr. Juan Somavia, the New York Liaison Office of the ILO will host a dialogue between Mr. Somavia and non-governmental organizations. The dialogue will provide an opportunity for Mr. Somavia to brief non-governmental organizations on the work of the ILO. The dialogue will take place on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rihit Siddharth (tel.: (212) 909-7810).

Presentation

There will be a presentation of the United Nations Development Programme on NetAid to the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. All members of permanent missions, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

Informal consultations

In accordance with paragraph 86 of the Report on the Eleventh session of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-Level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development." The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 25 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4057th meeting

The situation in East Timor

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in East Timor (S/1999/1024)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Finland, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal and the Republic of Korea, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1083, which contained the text of a draft resolution submitted by Brazil, Canada, Namibia, the Netherlands, Slovenia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. Argentina, France and the Russian Federation joined as sponsors of the draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1083 in its provisional form.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Portugal, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement), the Republic of Korea and Norway.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1999/1083).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Slovenia, China, Malaysia, Bahrain, the Netherlands, Brazil, France, Argentina, Canada and the United States.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1083) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1272 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

38th plenary meeting

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly: first report of the Credentials Committee (A/54/475) [3 (b)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

The Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/54/475) (resolution 54/6).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/398 and Corr.1 (French only) [7]

The General Assembly took note of document A/54/398.

Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (b)]

Since the number of candidates endorsed by the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to the number of seats allocated to each of those regions, the Bahamas, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Denmark, Egypt, the Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Suriname, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were declared elected members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of the agenda item 16.

Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/107) [17(g)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of the General Assembly of Chile, Equatorial Guinea,

France, Japan, Namibia, the Philippines and the Russian Federation as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 17 (g).

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [29]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/308)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/54/L.12)*

The representative of Burkina Faso made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.12.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Turkey, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Senegal, Norway, Tunisia and Egypt.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.12 (resolution 54/7).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 29.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System [32]

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/420)*

(b) *Draft resolution A/54/L.13*

The representative of Peru made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.13.

Statements were made by the representatives of Suriname, Venezuela and Costa Rica.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.13 (resolution 54/8).

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 32.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

15th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

A statement was made by the representative of Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR).

The representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.15.

The representative of Mozambique introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.2.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.32.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.7.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.33.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

14th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [87]

The Chairman made an opening statement during the course of which he drew attention to the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, contained in document A/54/20, as well as to the report of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space contained in document A/CONF.184/6.

The representative of India, Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, introduced the two reports of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, contained in documents A/54/20 and A/CONF.184/6, respectively.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Colombia, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the Associated countries of Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of EEA, Iceland and Norway) Japan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Saudi Arabia, China, France and Greece.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement

SECOND COMMITTEE

20th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

- (c) *Convention on Biological Diversity*
- (d) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*
- (e) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa*
- (f) *Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa and the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries Cyprus and Malta aligned themselves with this statement), the Russian Federation, Turkey, Brazil, Norway, Ethiopia, China, Benin, Malaysia, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of AOSIS), Colombia, Burkina Faso, Australia, and Barbados (on behalf of CARICOM).

21st meeting

The Committee continued consideration of agenda item 100 (c), (d), (e) and (f).

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Deadline

The Committee agreed to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 99 (a), (b), (d), (e) and (g) to 1 p.m. on Friday, 29 October.

Environment and sustainable development [100]*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.7*

The representative of Cameroon introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed.

Operational activities for development [101]

- (b) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.5

The representative of Guyana introduced (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and orally revised, the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.6

The representative of Mozambique introduced the draft resolution (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Southern African Development Community).

Environment and sustainable development [100]

- (c) *Convention on Biological Diversity*
- (d) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*
- (e) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa*
- (f) *Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Senegal, the Solomon Islands, the Philippines, Kenya, Israel, Canada, New Zealand, Fiji, Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Qatar and Singapore.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

The representative of the World Meteorological Organization made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Development Programme and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

THIRD COMMITTEE

22nd meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.9/Rev.1

The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Belgium, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Jamaica, Malta, Norway, Portugal and Sweden, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]*Right of peoples to self-determination* [115]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Indonesia, Brazil, Norway, Sudan, the Russian Federation, Jordan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Eritrea, Iraq, Slovenia, Pakistan, Egypt, Angola, Saint Lucia, Papua New Guinea, the Czech Republic and Haiti.

A statement was also made by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of items 114 and 115.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that action on the following draft resolutions would be taken on Thursday, at 3 p.m.: item 106: A/C.3/54/L.9/Rev.1, L.11 and L.12; item 108: A/C.3/54/L.20; item 109: A/C.3/54/L.14, L.15, L.16/Rev.1, L.18 and L.19.

Right of reply

The representatives of Ethiopia, Latvia, Eritrea and the Russian Federation made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

14th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Board of Auditors, Mr. O.T. Prempeh, introduced the reports of the Board of Auditors (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/159 and A/54/165).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the reports of the Secretary General (A/54/140 and Add.1 and A/C.5/54/3).

The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was before the Committee in document A/54/441.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Bangladesh, Pakistan and the United States.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/53/811, A/54/157, A/54/334, A/54/367, A/54/410 and A/54/413).

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the reports of the Unit (A/54/334/Add.1 and A/54/157/Add.1).

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

*(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations**Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services*

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/54/169, A/54/335 and A/54/394).

The representative of Cyprus made a statement.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [142]

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/54/120).

Other matters

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the Committee decided, to grant the request of the President of the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations (CCISUA) and the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Association (FICSA) to make statements in the Committee in connection with agenda items 126 and 164.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised at the 3rd meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 3 October 1999.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

15th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Zdzislaw Galicki, introduced the Report of the Commission.

The Commission observed a minute of silence in memory of M. Doudou Thiam (Senegal), Minister, former member, Chairman and Special Rapporteur of the International Law Commission.

The representative of the Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Japan, Germany, Argentina and Guatemala made statements.

The representatives of the Netherlands and Senegal spoke.

The Chairman also spoke.

Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

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1793rd and 1794th meetings

The Committee considered a draft general comment on article 3 of the Covenant.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Portugal (Macau) (CCPR/C/POR/99/4).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information Fair

The annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, will be held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from today, 26 October, until Friday, 29 October 1999. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during Disarmament Week of 1999. Today, 26 October 1999, a panel discussion on "Verifying a Nuclear Weapons Convention" will be held at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6, and a panel on "Depleted Uranium Weaponry: Technical and Political Aspects" will be held at 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Special event

The youth representatives of the delegations of Australia, Denmark, Netherlands and Norway, the United Nations Youth Unit and the social coordinators for interns invite youth interns in the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat, junior advisors, junior staff members and other young people to take part in a discussion by and for young people involved with the United Nations "The United Nations's future in the eyes of youth". The discussion will focus on: What should be the United Nations's focus in the 21st century? Should youth represent their own interest at the United Nations? and should the United Nations become a true supranational organization? It will take place on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 6.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Those who have proposals for discussion are kindly invited to submit them via e-mail to unyouth@hotmail.com or visit the Web site at come.to/youthdiscussion.

Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the sixteenth to mid-nineteenth century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).